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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
(WCIWY): JAMAICAN DELEGATION

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1. JAMAICAN DEL TO WCIWY NOT YET DEFINITE. FOLLOWING
ARE MEMBERS APPOINTED SO FAR. THERE MOST LIKELY WILL BE
ADDITIONS.

A. BEVERLY MANLEY, WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER AND CHIEF OF
DEL. ONCE A POPULAR LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO
ANNOUNCER AND AMATEUR ACTRESS, SHE WAS THE P.M.'S
SECRETARY AND VOICE TUTOR PRIOR TO BECOMING HIS FOURTH
WIFE. SHE FEELS HER TASK IS TO MAKE JAMAICAN WOMEN
MORE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR POLITICAL STRENGTH -- AN AWAKENING
SHE PREFERS TO CALL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AWARENESS RATHER
THAN WOMEN'S LIBERATION. LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO HER EFFORTS,
THE P.M. ANNOUNCED IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH LAST MONTH THAT A
BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS WOULD BE CREATED IN HIS OFFICE.
SHE IS THE MOTHER OF A ONE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

B. MRS. PEGGY ANTROBUS, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE WOMEN'S
DESK ESTABLISHED IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT IN OCTOBER 1974 TO ENSURE THE FULL
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INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. HER

TWO CURRENT PREOCCUPATIONS ARE DEVELOPING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND EXPANDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

C. TREVOR DACOSTA, RECENTLY APPOINTED JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO SERVED TEN YEARS IN U.S.; FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON 1962-65, AND ON SECONDMENT TO IBRD 1965-72. HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DIVISION OF MEA FROM 1972 UNTIL HIS POSTING TO MEXICO.

D. DR. LUCILLE MAIR, HISTORIAN AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES (UWI) WHO WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY PERM REP OF JAMAICA'S MISSION TO UN IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. PRIOR TO HER UN APPOINTMENT WHE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD. HER DOCTORAL THESIS FOR THE UWI WAS A STUDY OF JAMAICAN WOMEN FROM 1655 TO 1844. AS A CONTRIBUTION TO IWY SHE HAS JUST PUBLISHED A BOOK, "THE REBEL WOMAN IN THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN."

3. DR. ORLANDO PATTERSON, SOCIOLOGIST AND NOVELIST, CURRENTLY SERVING AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES AT HARVARD. HE IS A GRADUATE OF UWI AND RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE FROM THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. PRIOR TO TAKING THE HARVARD APPOINTMENT, HE WAS A LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY AT UWI.

F. WINSOME MILLER, MEMBER OF THE AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION WHO WILL SERVE AS A DELEGATION PRESS OFFICER.

2. MRS. MANLEY WILL ARRIVE IN MEXICO JUNE 17 AND RETURN TO JAMAICA JUNE 21 (REF B).
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